

### **Welcome to the Phoenix Rescue Mission's News Room**

The Phoenix Rescue Mission has been serving the Valley's homeless since 1952. Much has changed since the Mission occupied a humble chapel on South Third Street in Downtown Phoenix. The Third Street Kitchen served roughly 40 meals a day. Fast forward to 2011, and the Phoenix Rescue Mission serves 5,600 meals a week! One thing has remained the same, and that is our commitment To Rescuing Lives, To Saving Lives, To Changing Lives and To Serving Lives.

### **Contacting and Visiting the Mission**

The Phoenix Rescue Mission is home for up to 150 men overnight. Out of respect for our guests, we ask that reporters and other individuals contact and/or visit the Mission during regular business hours (M-F, 8 AM - 4 PM). If you would like to visit the Mission at a different time, please make prior arrangements and we will try to accommodate you. Please note, the Phoenix Rescue Mission is a working men's shelter, many of our clients are not on property during the day. The Mission is located at 1801 N. 35th Ave. When visiting the Mission, please use the entrance on Cocopah. Visitors can pull up to the gate to enter into the volunteer/visitor parking spaces. Reporters must make arrangements with the Director of Public Relations prior to coming on site. Signed photographic releases are mandatory if children are present.

### **Guidelines for Interviewing and Photographing Clients**

When visiting the Mission, you will be accompanied by a staff member the entire time you are with us.

We ask that you please respect the privacy of our clients and refrain from photography unless consent is given. Anyone with a lanyard and a name badge is part of our addiction recovery program and must sign a separate release form in order to be photographed. Our transient clients have not signed any release forms, and sometimes they will object to a photo. If you wish to take photos that could identify an individual, please discuss this with your staff host. Usually an announcement will be made and anyone who does not want a photo will simply leave the area. If you are interested in speaking with a client, meal time is often the best time to schedule an appointment.

### **The following is a schedule of our meal times:**

Breakfast = 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Lunch = 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner = 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.